

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
November 26, 2012

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was given by Margaret Williams, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Edna Jackson, Presiding
Alderman Van Johnson, II Mayor ProTem
Aldermen Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Aldermen Tom Bordeaux, John Hall, Estella Shabazz,
Mary Ellen Sprague and Carol Bell

Acting City Manager Stephanie S. Cutter
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorneys William W. Shearouse

ABSENT: Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council (recuperating from surgery)

The Minutes of the following meetings were approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried:

- Approval of the summary/final minutes of the 2013 Budget Retreat of November 7-8, 2012; and
- Approval of the Council Minutes of November 15, 2012; and
- Approval of the summary/final minutes of the City Council Work Session/City Manager's Briefing of November 15, 2012.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of these licenses:

Laura Bisnett for The Olive Garden, requesting to transfer a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 11333 Abercorn Street, which is located between Largo Drive and Deerfield Road in District 6. (New manager) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the request was granted.

Jolynn Romano for Pour Larry's, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 206 W. St. Julian Street, which is located between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in District 1. (New ownership/manager) Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the hearing was continued until December 13, 2012.

Kantibhai Patel for Jai Shakti, Inc. t/a TMP Supermarket, requesting a beer and wine (package) license at 1820 Montgomery Street, which is located between W. 34th and W. 35th Streets in District 5. Approval with condition set forth for the operation and management of the convenience store at 1820 Montgomery Street and are to be attached to the license and property. Existing and future tenant lease agreements will include the conditions identified below. Judee Jones, Alcohol Beverage Administrator read the following conditions for this establishment:

Responsibility of owner and staff to control the behavior of patrons in and around the establishment:

- No loitering inside or outside of premises - Post "*No Loitering*" signage outside the business and constantly monitor the outside for compliance
- Partner with Police Department and sign *Citizen Agreement Form* to arrest loiters
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited inside or outside near the premises
- Comply with NO SMOKING ordinance inside premises
- Conduct daily cleaning throughout day of exterior of building for litter and trash to include adjacent lane
- Do not allow peddlers/vendors on premises or in front of business

- Disallow any sale of food or other activities on the sidewalk and work with Police and adjacent property owners to disallow these activities in lanes, sidewalk and adjoining properties
- Join Neighborhood Association for a working relationship with neighborhood.

Savannah Police Department: Work with property owner to enforce no loitering, and outdoor drinking. Check area for compliance of “no loitering” during routine patrol and assign officer to work with residents and business/property owners to address concerns from business.

Savannah Fire Marshal: Periodic inspection of establishment to ensure the occupancy limit is not exceeded; fire safety inspection.

Revenue: Investigate all complaints for establishments.

Property Maintenance Department: Weekly inspections of property for code violations.

Alderman Shabazz requested the above mentioned conditions go into the minutes so that it was clear that the conditions would be enforced and the problems would not reoccur. The owners and everyone around the establishment would know that the Council and the City were serious about the situation. Alderman Johnson said the business is located across the street from his district, it was an area with a lot of concern and he would not hesitate to call a Show Cause Hearing to pull the license if they did not comply with these conditions.

Kantibhai Patel’s brother Pravin Patel stated they agreed to the conditions stated and that they would do their best to comply. Alderman Bordeaux asked if it was a new license or a transfer and asked what violations had previously occurred to raise concern now. Ms. Jones stated it was a new request; the business had a fire in December 2011 and was closed until Mr. Patel opened it. There were some criminal activities in the area last June but Mr. Patel did not own the property at that time. Alderman Bordeaux asked if the Patel’s owned any other businesses in Savannah and if they had any problems with law enforcement. Ms. Jones stated the applicant did not own additional properties, but Pravin Patel owned several businesses. Mayor Jackson said she knew Pravin and he had respectable businesses with no problems. Pravin has agreed to monitor Kantibhai’s business and model it after his own businesses. Alderman Hall said he knew the Patels and he knew they would bring an up-grade to that area and they came highly recommended.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the request was granted with conditions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Budget Hearing. A public hearing was held to present information and receive comments concerning the proposed 2013 Service Program and Budget. Mayor Jackson stated during the budget retreat they went through the entire budget and made corrections and additions. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the public hearing was closed.

ZONING HEARINGS

Robert B. Brannen, Jr., Petitioner for SFC Investors, LLC (12-001249-ZA), requested a text amendment to the City of Savannah’s Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 8-3025(b), Use 46(d) to permit Use 46(d), Postsecondary Schools in the B-N (Neighborhood Business) zoning district. The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommended approval. The petitioner desires to lease commercial space to St. Leo University in a shopping center on Hodgson Memorial Drive that is zoned B-N. However, the school is classified as Use 46(d), Postsecondary School, which is not permitted in the B-N district. Educational uses permitted in the B-N zoning district are Vocational and Technical Schools, Teaching of Voice Music and Dance and Personal Service Schools. The Post Secondary School compares favorably to Vocational and Technical Schools and is compatible with the B-N district which allows office uses. The proposed amendment, if approved, would allow a use in a zoning district that is compatible with other uses that are allowed and would not be detrimental to the properties within the general area or to the City of Savannah.

Marcus Lotson presented MPC’s recommendation of approval. Alderman Thomas stated he was in complete agreement of the proposal and he thought it opened opportunities for another college at that site. Alderman Sprague questioned the parking requirements and times of operation. Mr. Lotson said any school would have to meet parking requirements at any location and it was not typical for the schools to be open past 10:00 pm, because they cater to the working class. Alderman Sprague said she did not have a problem with this particular school, but a massage school had received zoning as a technical school. She had received numerous complaint calls; therefore she was more concerned than others and she wanted to ensure it would not be detrimental to the neighborhood. Alderman Hall asked about other businesses in the neighborhood and Mr. Lotson said a bank, a wireless cell phone store and other small

businesses. Alderman Bell also asked about the parking issues and Mr. Lotson stated the school would need to meet the parking requirements based on the number of students.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the request was granted. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

PETITIONS

Lowell Kronowitz, Owner and President of Levy Jewelers – Petition 120276, requested an encroachment at 2 E. Broughton Street for the installation of a trench drain within the sidewalk; specifically located at the west storefront of Levy Jewelers on Bull Street between Congress and Broughton Streets. The drain serves the overhead canopy by directing collected water to the street drainage system. The request has been reviewed by Development Services and Public Works and Water Resources. No objections were offered, however the Bureaus have stipulated that the City will not be responsible for the installation or continued maintenance of the drain. The owner of said property will be responsible for any future repairs and maintenance to the trench drain installation including materials where sidewalk is breached for the installation. All building codes, American with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, City permitting and construction guidelines must be followed. Also, approval of Petition 120276 in which Lowell Kronowitz of Levy Jewelers requests permission for encroachment at 2 E. Broughton Street for the installation of a trench drain within the sidewalk. The petitioner should be advised that such encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that, if ever required, the trench drain must be removed at petitioner's or property owner's expense. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the petition was approved.

ORDINANCES

First Readings

Budget Ordinance. An ordinance to adopt the 2013 Service Program and Budget proposed by the Acting City Manager with certain changes. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

Revenue Ordinance. An ordinance to raise revenue for the City of Savannah the same as was adopted and amended for 2012 with certain changes. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Parking Removal - 400 Block of Orchard Street. Douglas Kaufman, owner of 409 Orchard Street, has requested that on-street parking be prohibited in the 400 block due to the narrowness of the street and the difficulty in accessing his property. Traffic Engineering investigated and found:

- A Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) classroom building across Montgomery Street on Orchard Street's east end generates heavy traffic.
- The SCAD parking lot on the southwest corner of Montgomery and Orchard Streets is often not fully utilized.
- Students routinely park partially on the sidewalk on the north side of Orchard Street and on the shoulder of the road on the south side of the street, blocking access to water meters and to Mr. Kaufman's gate.

On-street parking reduces the street's travel width from 18 feet 9 inches to approximately 14 feet, which is not wide enough for unobstructed two-way traffic. The Fire Marshall requires that a street with on-street parking have a minimum travel width of 20 feet. To partially address the problem, Traffic Engineering has, as prescribed by City Ordinance, installed "No Parking on the Shoulder" signs on the street's south side. Since parking is available on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and in the SCAD parking lot, Traffic Engineering recommends prohibiting on-street parking in the 400 block of Orchard Street in order to maintain unobstructed two-way vehicular traffic.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the request was approved. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

MISCELLANEOUS

December 27, 2012 Council Meeting – Reschedule Time of Meeting. Approval to reschedule the time of the regular City Council meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 am on Thursday, December 27, 2012. Mayor Jackson stated it was the day after Christmas and people wanted to be with their families. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the meeting time was rescheduled. There will not be a Council work session or City Manager's briefing that day.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

As advertised, per the Acting City Manager's recommendation - upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved:

Authorization for Acting City Manager to Sign and Administer through Sub-Grant Recipients FY2013 Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Funds. The City of Savannah received a "Statement of Grant Award" for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult Programs (\$1,229,402) and for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Dislocated Worker Programs (\$1,189,276) from the Governor's Office of Workforce Development. This is the final portion of the total grant amount awarded to the nine-county area and will be used to support "One-Stop" Career Centers that provide job training, preparation and placement services. The period of availability for these funds is October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. Pursuant to the Coastal Workforce Services (CWS) Consortium Agreement, received approval to authorize the Acting City Manager to receive grant funding and enter into Grant Administration Agreements with sub-grant recipients in accordance with the City of Savannah's procurement policies and procedures. The grant awards totaling \$2,418,678 provide funding for adult and dislocated worker programs within Region 12 (Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, and McIntosh counties).

Directional Boring – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 806. Renewed an annual contract to procure directional boring services from D & C Directional Boring, LLC in the amount of \$ 77,100.00. The services are needed to provide directional boring in Water and Sewer service areas where open trenching is too disruptive and impractical. 100 feet of 16" pipe for a total of \$ 10,300.00 will be added to contract. This is the second and last renewal option available. The original contractor, Molehead Construction & Boring was terminated because they did not maintain required liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage as specified in the contract. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidder was: This annual contract is used by several departments in Water and Sewer. The funding source used for a particular project is determined by the department generating the work request. Funds are available in the 2012-13 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Cost/Various and Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Life Station Maintenance/Other Contractual Service (Account No. 311-9207-52842- Various CIP's and 521-2552-51295).

Mowing for Leisure Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 838. Renewed annual contract to procure mowing services from Dean Forest Nurseries (Section A, Items 1,4,6,9,11-14 and Section C, Items 5, 7, 8, 10) in the amount of \$ 41,262.00 and Blankenship Landscape (Section B, Items 2 and 3) in the amount of \$6,110.00 for a total award of \$47,372.80. The mowing contract will be used by Buildings and Grounds to mow ball fields, playgrounds, and various recreational areas. This is the first of two renewal options available. This bid was originally advertised, opened and reviewed. The bidder was: Other Contractual Services (Account No. 101-6120-51295).

Janitorial Services for Leisure Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 841. Renewed an annual contract to procure Janitorial Services for Leisure Services from CKC Enterprises (Items 1, 2, 4, 8, 11, 16, 17, 23) in the amount of \$47,453.00 and Superior Janitorial Services (Items 3, 5, 6, 7, 12-15, 18-22) in the amount of \$91,500.00. The janitorial services are needed to clean the Recreation Centers, Golden Age Centers and Building and Grounds Administrative offices. This is the first of two renewal options available. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, General Fund/Building and Grounds/Janitorial Services (Account No. 101-6120-61243).

Printing, Insertion, Mailing of Bills and Notices – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 842. Renewed an annual contract for printing and mailing services from Sure Bill in the amount of \$75,255.35. The services include printing, insertion and mailing of Revenue, Parking and other City bills, notices and other mailings to the public. Through the outsourcing of this function, the City ensures compliance with the USPS specifications to qualify for postal discounts sorting to the lowest possible postal rates and will realize cost reductions and efficiency improvements to the existing printing of utility bills and other large mailings. Upon receipt of the files at the proposer's facility, bills and notices are usually printed and mailed within 24 hours. This is the third of four renewal options available. Proposals were originally received July 8, 2008. The proposer was: Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Water & Sewer Fund/Outside Printing/Postage (Account No. 521-1112- 51275/51307).

Water Meters – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 847. Renewed an annual contract for water meters to Badger Meter for Part B Items #2,4, Part C Items #9,13,15,20,23, Part D Item #2, Part E Items #1,2,3 in the amount of \$804,219.00, to HD Supply for Part C Items #1,5 Part D #4 in the amount of \$100,800.00, and to Neptune Technology Group for Part A Items #1,2,3, Part B Item #5, Part C Items #17, 21 Part D Item #3 in the amount of \$88,862.50 and to Mueller systems for Part D Item #1 in the amount of \$ 6,000.00 for a grand total of \$999,881.50. The meters will be used by Water Distribution to replace meters that are no longer functioning and to install for new service. These meters are maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse. Some items are not being awarded at this time as the bid was structured to allow all bidders to submit their versions of the automated meter reading meters that could be used with the City's standardized Badger/Orion radio modules. The lowest cost of each of these units that met the required performance was then selected. This is the first of two renewal options available.

Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30, 2%-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Water Distribution/Construction Supplies and Materials (Account No. 521-2503-51340).

Pump Repair – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 865. Renewed an annual contract for pump repair service from P & O Machine Shop in the amount of \$31,500.00. The repair services will be utilized by various City departments to repair pumps other than Flygt pumps that are located at well and pumping stations. This is the last of a two year renewal options available. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: 2%-10 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, General Fund/Stormwater Management/Other Contractual Service (Account No. 101-2104-51295), Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Lift Station Maintenance (Account No. 521- 2552-51250).

Ready Mix Concrete – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 868. Renewed an annual contract to procure ready-mix concrete from Chatham Concrete Construction (primary) and Savannah River Utilities (secondary) in the amount of \$133,220.00. The contract will be used by Streets Maintenance and other departments for routine maintenance and small projects. The recommended award amount was negotiated with the low bidder. This is the last in a three year renewal option available. Bids were originally received August 25, 2009. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days.

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Electrical Engineering Services Event No. 469 (WT322) Contract Modification No. 1. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 from Rosser Engineering in the amount of \$22,300.00. The original contract was for the research and investigation into an upgrade to the high service pump station that serves large industrial customers to make the system more reliable and provide more capacity for future growth. The Industrial and Domestic (I&D) Water Plant needs to upgrade pumping capacity at the booster station. These pumps provide the water used by Gulfstream, and our wholesale customers which include Pooler, Port Wentworth and Effingham County. In order to convert to larger pumps most of the electrical system serving this booster station will have to be upgraded including the electrical transmission lines, the pump starters, and breakers. Rosser International performed the original study and is very familiar with the facility and what needs to be upgraded. Also, the upgrades will have to be made while keeping the station in service This contract modification covers the second phase of the project and includes the design of engineering, civil and architectural improvements recommended in the report completed in September, 2012 that determined replacement of the existing four (4) pumps and upgrades to the power system that controls the pumps was the most cost efficient solution and most beneficial to the City. The modification will include bidding services, construction overview and project close-out services in addition to the preparation of plans and specifications. The cumulative total of the contract requires Council approval of this modification. The original contract was \$7,380.00. The new contract price will now be \$29,710.00. Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Rosser Engineering in the amount of \$22,330.00. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Well Electrical Preventative Maintenance (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT322).

Stormwater Excavator – One Time Purchase – Event No. 770. Approval to procure an excavator from Grove River Machinery in the amount of \$129,900. The excavator will be utilized by the Stormwater Department to maintain canals, work on drainage, projects, etc. The excavator will be a replacement for unit 1202 which is no longer economical to operate or repair. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Vehicle Purchase/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Motorola Portable Radios and Accessories – Sole Source – Event No. 879. Approval to procure 6 Motorola radios and related accessories and software from Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$29,952.00. The additional radios will be used by Savannah Fire and Emergency Services for radio communications. Motorola is the only known manufacturer and distributor of the Smartzone software that is necessary to operate on the existing City radio network of approximately 1,143 radios. The City's radio network is a comprehensive system that supports Police, Fire, Public Works, Parking Services, Civic Center and various other departments. The departments have different talk groups that segregate their communication as pertinent to their functions. In the case of emergency, all departments know to use specific talk groups as defined by incident command structure for integration with public safety groups. The radio network is known as Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN) and originally came into being in 2005 as a regional, fully interoperable public safety communications network between the City of Savannah, Chatham County and Effingham County. Today the regional radio network covers nearly all of the Coastal Georgia area to facilitate communications between public safety organizations during emergencies. Funding for planned upgrades to the regional system will be presented in 2013 and will be of critical concern for the 2014 Budget / CIP process. Delivery: 30 Days. Terms: Net 30. Funds

are available in the 2012 Budget Fire Administration/Office/Building Furniture/Equipment (Account No. 101-5101-51520).

Corrosion Control Additive – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 858. Renewed an annual contract to procure corrosion control additive from Pristine Water Solutions in the amount of \$120,000.00. The corrosion control additive is needed in the City's water distribution system. There is only one source for this specialized chemical available, therefore the contract was negotiated. Prices have remained stable from the previous contract period. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012/2013 Budget, I & D Operating Water Fund/I & D Operating & Maintenance/Chemicals (Account No. 531-2581-51323).

Streetscape Agreement - Savannah Lofts, LLC. Savannah Lofts, LLC received a streetscape agreement for East Broad Market Apartment & Mixed Use Development located at 533 E. 38th Street. This is an agreement very much like a Water and Sewer Agreement that provides a means to reimburse the owner for making improvements to the City's streetscape on our right-of-way adjacent to the construction project. Three bids for the work were received and evaluated by City staff and a careful review of line items for the work performed before payment is made. They will also have inspectors performing oversight inspections of the work. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Water and Sewer Agreement – Savannah Lofts, LLC. Savannah Lofts, LLC received a water and sewer agreement for East Broad Market Apartment & Mixed Use Development. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 18-equivalent residential unit development located at 533 E. 38th Street. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

Human Resources Assessment – One Time Purchase – Event No. 445. Approval to procure consultant services for a comprehensive human resources (HR) assessment from The Mejorando Group in the amount of \$50,000.00. The assessment will analyze current HR functions, practices, responsibilities, policies, procedures, documentation, and systems as well as identify needs for improvement. It will also include specific recommendations and strategies to achieve enhancement of the HR function. It is appropriate for a department with the scope and importance of HR to have a top to bottom assessment every few years to identify potential points of improvement and recognize new trends. The assessment helps to ensure that HR will remain a well run department into the future even with expected work force changes. The assessment will be data driven and encompass best practices from other cities. Undertaking an assessment like this internally is not possible given the tight staffing in HR. The department lost 3 positions in the RIFF and 2 key employees to early retirement. The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP) which evaluates criteria in addition to costs. The criteria evaluated as part of this RFP were the proposer's qualifications and experience, the proposed plan, MWBE participation and fees. Six proposers responded to the original solicitation; following a review and evaluation of the stated criteria, three proposers were deemed qualified and were considered for further evaluation. The recommended proposer was selected because of their prior experience in completing assessments of HR departments in the public sector, because of the proposed team's background and qualifications in HR and local government, and because of the comprehensiveness of the proposed plan which will include an implementation plan for recommended improvements. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Human Resources/Professional Purchased Services (Account No. 101-1103-51238).

Alderman Sprague said the Acting City Manager clarified the need for this item during the City Manager's Briefing. Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Hall and carried the purchase was approved with Aldermen Bell, Thomas, Johnson, Sprague, Hall, Shabazz and Mayor Jackson voting in favor and Alderman Bordeaux opposing.

Incapacitant Weapons – Sole Source – Event No. 859. Approval to procure 57 each incapacitant weapons (tasers), 57 color video cams, accessories and training CD's from Karbon Arms in the amount of \$62,463.00. The less lethal incapacitant weapons and accessories will be used by Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan police officers to subdue uncontrollable perpetrators. A study was conducted. The former brand X-26 is acceptable; however the Karbon-Arms has proven to be more cost effective with a savings of \$200- \$250 less per unit. Additional benefits include better video recovery as well as the mechanics of the individual unit; which contains the camera within the unit and not as an attachment. Repairs can also be done in-house versus out-sourced repair. The cost benefit will contribute to more units purchased via Karbon Arms as opposed to the original brand. Karbon Arms is the sole manufacturer and distributor of its products. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, General Fund/Patrol Operations/Small Fixed Assets (Account No. 101-4210-51321).

Alderman Sprague said she had questioned the City choosing this particular firm and the answer was in the 2nd paragraph when the agenda was revised. Therefore, she thanked the Acting City Manager for the explanation. Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Hall and unanimously carried the approval was granted.

Drug and Alcohol Testing Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 866. Recommend renewing annual contract for drug and alcohol testing services to Substance Abuse Testing of Savannah Inc. d/b/a as Health Awareness Enterprises in the amount of \$55,465.00. The drug and alcohol testing services will be used by Risk Management and Human Resources for pre-employment, commercial driver license/Department of Transportation (CDL/DOT), random CDL, random safety sensitive, At Fault Accidents and For Cause testing. Since more than 50% of the tests conducted under this contracted are after normal working hours, the cost for the after-hours charge was a primary factor in determining the short list. This is the second of four renewal options available. Proposals were originally received June 23, 2009. This proposal has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. The proposer was: B.P. Substance Abuse Testing of Savannah, Inc. (F) \$ 55,465.00 Funds are available in 2012-2013 Budget, General Fund/Human Resources/Medical Costs (Account No. 101-1103-51290). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (F)Indicates non-local, women owned business. Recommend approval.

Alderman Johnson requested continuing this item to the December 13th meeting so that Human Resources could meet with St. Joseph / Candler because they provide drug and alcohol testing. Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried.

Datalink Receiver – Sole Source – Event No. 878. Approval to procure a digital microwave downlink system from Broadcast Microwave Services, Inc. (BMS) in the amount of \$28,425.83. The Datalink receiver will be used by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department as part of its communications system. The equipment will be used to transmit live real time video from an aircraft to ground based receiving sites such as the Mobile Command Post and the Emergency Command and Control Center. This system is a grant purchase. Its purpose is to assist with the Marine Patrol and functions involving area waterways and communication and supports additional concerns and functions involving Homeland Security for area waterways and security thereof. It can be used in conjunction with crowd control, search and rescue, fire control, and homeland security. The reason for the sole source is that this manufacturer employs a proprietary video scrambling technology that scrambles the video before it is transmitted to maintain security of the signal and to aid investigation and surveillance. Delivery: 60 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget Department of Homeland Security GA Tech Port Security Grant/Office/Building Furniture/Equipment (Account No. 212-3118-51520-GT394).

Alderman Sprague questioned the purchase of this system. Acting City Manager Stephanie Cutter explained the Chief of Police said this equipment would provide video from an aircraft to the ground-base receiving site. This device would also aid in crowd control, search and rescue, fire control, and homeland security. Alderman Sprague asked if the City owned a helicopter and how often it was used. Ms. Cutter agreed to get a more in-depth report from the Chief as to how often it was used. Alderman Johnson stated this helicopter was used in conjunction with mosquito control and he would like to see this used in the drug and crime areas. Ms. Cutter stated this equipment was used in the recent plane wreckage. Alderman Bordeaux asked if this was purchased with grant money and not citizens' tax monies and Ms. Cutter confirmed that was correct. Upon a motion by Alderman Sprague, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried.

Bucket Truck – One Time Purchase – Event No. 769. Approval to procure a bucket truck from Wade Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$89,336.00. The bucket truck will be utilized by the Cemetery Department to maintain trees in the City cemeteries. The bucket truck will be a replacement for unit 9238 which is no longer economical to operate or repair. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515). (B)Indicates local non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business.

Alderman Thomas inquired about local auto dealers getting contracts for replacement vehicles and asked for an explanation on the policy process for these bids. Ms. Cutter stated that if the bid was within 2% they go back to the local dealers to see if they can match and in this case they could not. Alderman Thomas wanted to assure the public that was the process and if the local dealers chose not to sell it for the same as the others, it was a different matter. Mayor Jackson said going into the New Year, the City may want to look at more than 2% of the lowest bid. Alderman Shabazz wanted to go on the record as agreeing with Alderman Thomas, especially with the replacement of the vehicles and agreeing with the Mayor to consider increasing the percentage. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the purchase was approved.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

End Zone. A hearing for Timothy A. Butler to show cause why his application to transfer a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Susan Lingerfelser at 11414 Abercorn Street, which is located between Largo Drive and Idlewood Drive in District 6, should not be denied as recommended by the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. (The applicant has withdrawn the application.)

Mayor Jackson and Council wished Alderman Osborne a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Alderman Johnson suggested anyone with concerns about the budget should meet with the Acting City Manager soon, as time was of the essence. Mayor Jackson said a few Council members and some of the Executive members asked her to review the budget of the Clerk's office and the requested information from Ms. Reese is pending.

Mayor Jackson announced the National League of Cities had their fall meeting in Boston November 27-30. Several Council members serve on the board and it was also a time for the Council members to get training.

The Federal Government is looking to make some cuts at Fort Stewart and Hunter. Alderman Thomas will represent the City of Savannah along with area Mayors and meet with Senators and Representatives on the matter.

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light yellow background. The signature is cursive and reads "Dyanne C. Reese".

Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council